GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:186
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2001
REDUCTION IN PRICES OF WHEAT AND RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to reduce the prices of wheat and rice sold under PDS to the families living above poverty line;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of families who are likely to be benefited under this scheme, State-wise;

(d) whether any instructions have been issued to the State Governments in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) : A statement is being laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 186 DUE FOR ANSWE 03-08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a),(b)&(c): The Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of wheat and rice have been reduced to Rs.610 per quintal and Rs.830 per quintal respectively per families Above the Poverty Line (APL) with effect from July 2001.This would benefit 1151.64 lakh families as per details contained in the enclosed statement (Annex).

(d)&(e): Necessary intimation in this regard was sent to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations on July 12, 2001.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b)&(c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.186 FOR ANSWER IN THE SABHA ON 03-08-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING ESTIMATED NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLD AND ESTIMATED NUMBER OF APL HOUSEHOLD 1.3.2000.

(in lakhs)

STATE/UT	Estimated No.of Household as APL as 1.3.2000	Estimated No. of Households as on 1.3.2000
Andhra Pradesh	158.21	117.58
Arunachal Pradesh	2.42	1.43
Assam	44.93	26.57
Bihar	162.24	73.07
Goa	3.20	2.72
Gujarat	87.57	66.37
Haryana	31.48	23.59
Himachal Pradesh	12.57	7.43
Jammu & Kashmir	18.02	10.66
Karnataka	94.37	63.08
Kerala	61.10	45.56
Madhya Pradesh	141.15	81.14

Maharashtra	177.27	111.93
Manipur	4.07	2.41
Meghalaya	4.49	2.66
Mizoram	1.67	0.99
Nagaland	3.02	1.78
Orissa	67.91	34.93
Punjab	39.76	35.08
Rajasthan	88.67	64.36
Sikkim	1.05	0.62
Tamil Nadu	138.82	90.19
Tripura	7.22	4.27
Uttar Pradesh	273.61	161.84
West Bengal	145.23	93.44
Andaman Nicobar Islands	0.81	0.53
Chandigarh	2.03	1.80
D&N Haveli	0.36	0.18
Daman & Diu	0.26	0.22
Delhi	27.82	23.73
Lakshadweep	0.11	0.08
Pondicherry	2.24	1.40
Total	1803.68	1151.64